# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 31 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 01 Jan 2024

Forecast Issued on Saturday 30 Dec 2023 at 17:14 by Met Office Aberdeen

**Confidence:** Mostly high for New Years Eve and New Years Day, but low for cloud amounts. Low for details from Tuesday.

**Headline for Sunday 31 Dec 2023:** Mostly cloudy with showers, driest in the north. Strong winds easing later.

**Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 31 Dec 2023**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
No Likelihood

**Gales**
No Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
High Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Medium Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | | | |
| 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Partly cloudy (night) | Sleet | Sleet | Light snow | Light snow | Light snow showers | Cloudy | Cloudy |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | | | |
| 10% | 30% | 30% | 20% | 20% | 20% | 10% | 10% |

**Forecast for Sunday 31 Dec 2023**

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with scattered showers, falling as snow above 800-900m near the coast, 600m in the east. Driest with a chance of brighter spells across Lochaber where only a few showers are likely. The evening and overnight will turn mainly dry with a lifting of the cloud, perhaps a few brief clear spells. Strong winds early on, easing later.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 40% in the north, 20% in the south

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Visibility often good across northern Lochaber with patchy cloud. Generally poor visibility in the south of the area with cloud likely to be more persistent here. Variable cloud bases, mostly between.700 and 1000m.

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**Forecast for Sunday 31 Dec 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) | | | | | Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | 31/37 SE | 30/37 SE | 30/37 SE | 30/37 SE | 27/33 E | 20/25 E | 12/16 E | 6/8 E | 7/9 E |
| **900** | 20/27 SE | 22/29 SE | 23/30 SE | 23/30 SE | 21/26 E | 19/24 E | 14/18 SE | 7/9 SE | 5/7 S |
| **600** | 25/30 SE | 24/29 SE | 20/25 E | 21/25 E | 19/23 E | 14/18 E | 10/13 E | 6/8 E | 4/6 E |
| **300** | 16/25 SE | 12/21 SE | 10/16 E | 10/16 E | 7/11 NE | 6/10 E | 4/6 N | 3/6 E | 3/5 E |
| **Glen** | 7/14 NE | 9/17 E | 10/17 NE | 7/14 E | 8/17 E | 7/15 NE | 3/10 NE | 3/6 NE | 3/5 NE |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **1300** | -3/-12 | -3/-12 | -4/-13 | -4/-13 | -4/-12 | -3/-11 | -3/-9 | -3/-7 | -4/-7 |
| **900** | -1/-8 | -2/-9 | -1/-9 | -2/-9 | -1/-8 | -2/-8 | -2/-7 | -2/-5 | -3/-6 |
| **600** | 4/-2 | 3/-3 | 2/-3 | 2/-4 | 2/-4 | 2/-3 | 1/-3 | 0/-2 | 0/-2 |
| **300** | 4/-0 | 4/-0 | 3/-0 | 3/-1 | 3/1 | 3/1 | 2/-0 | 2/-0 | 2/0 |
| **Glen** | 5/2 | 4/1 | 4/1 | 4/1 | 4/2 | 4/1 | 2/0 | 2/1 | 2/1 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 700m | 700m | 700m | 700m | 700m | 800m | 800m | 800m | 700m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View**
Note strong winds in the morning giving a bitterly cold feel. Note freezing level nearer 1000m across Arran.

**Forecast for Monday 01 Jan 2024**

**Weather:** Cloudy with showers, most frequent near the coast. These falling as snow above 600-700m. Showers may merge to longer spells of rain and snow in the afternoon. But turning increasingly dry in the evening and start of the night.

**Maximum wind:** South 10 mph increasing to 15 gusting 20-25 mph

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m:** 10%.

**Low Cloud and visibility:** Very poor visibility in low cloud and frequent showers. Cloud bases around 500m, occasionally lower in showers.

**Temperature:** **Glens:** Plus 2 or 3 Celsius.
**At 800m:** Zero Celsius dropping to minus 2 Celsius in the evening.
**Freezing level:** 800-900m, 500m late evening.

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